

From Sunday's Gospel

Very early in the morning,
while it was still
dark, Jesus got up,
left the house and went
off to a solitary place,
where he prayed.

MARK 1:35

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening,

after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many evil spirits, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.

SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2021 Adapted from Mark 1:29-39



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI writes, "Prayer brings us not only closer to God but also to one another." Today's word is **Prayer**. Life can be very demanding, we can be on the go from morning to night, hardly having a

minute to sit down and gather our thoughts. In this Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus takes time out to recover and refresh himself through prayer with his Father. After spending the day with other people, Simon's Mother in Law, and then many others whom he heals, he goes off in the early hours of the morning all by himself to gather strength by praying to his Father. There are many examples of Jesus going off to pray alone, knowing that he couldn't fulfil his mission without this intimate relationship with his Father. As we grow and mature we move from 'saying' prayers like the Our Father and the Hail Mary, to 'spending time in prayer', maybe using a Gospel Passage or simply listening to what God is saying to us. As some one said, 'Pray as you can, not as you can't!'



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED WHILE WE ARE
IN LOCKDOWN**

**Fr Bernard will celebrate Mass each day
without a congregation. Please watch this space for further
information.**

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday:	People of the Parish
Monday:	Fr Daniel Kealy
Tuesday:	Ken McKeown
Wednesday:	Angela McMahon
Thursday:	Joseph Ratigan (Recovery)
Friday	Nora Crowley
Saturday:	Mgr John Dunne
Sunday:	Clifford Jones

Confessions by appointment

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The Lent Course will be based on a new Cover to Cover booklet entitled "**The Prayers of Jesus**" which is available from Eden Books £5.97

Although the Group Meetings will be via Zoom, the booklet is suitable for individual home study for those unable to access Zoom.

Those who would like to be a part of this are asked to either –

- a) Order a copy for themselves from Eden Books at www.eden.co.uk
- b) Contact Fr Bernard who will have a number of copies available

Please let Fr Bernard know if you would like to be part of a discussion group beginning Thursday 25th February. Thanks to those who have either ordered a book by themselves or asked for one of the 10 here in the presbytery. There are **THREE** books left for sale here.

ST EDWARD'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

Children born between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018



We are now taking applications for Nursery places in September 2021. If you would like to register an interest for a place for your child, to arrange a visit to see the nursery or school, please contact the school office **on 0161 624 1377** or call into the school office with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate. We will offer both part time and full

time places. All eligible children will be offered 15 hours free child care and some working parents may also be eligible for 30 hours free childcare. For more information : www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Further information can be found on the schools website

<http://www.st-edwards.oldham.sch.uk/key-information/admissions>.

Maybe this is not
One of your favourites, but
Never forget that every
Day you wake up is an
Amazing gift and it is up to
You to make it count



FINANCE UPDATE



With the church once again closed during Lockdown some parishioners have asked to be reminded how they might continue to make a regular offering. There are a number of ways to make payment:

1) **By cheque.** You can either bring it in or send it to the church. Cheques should be made payable to 'Diocese of Leeds-Sacred Heart'. Don't forget to enclose one of your numbered weekly envelopes (it doesn't matter which week) as it is needed for claiming Gift Aid.

2) **By BACS** direct into the Parish bank account. The details are:

Name of Bank: HSBC City Branch Leeds

Name of account: Diocese of Leeds- Sacred Heart

Sort code: 40-27-15 Account Number: 31018108

3) **By standing order** to the same account as above.

If you are paying by BACS or Standing Order please use your surname as a reference so that the payment can be allocated correctly. If you need any further information please feel free to contact Fr Bernard.

Thank You.

At the end of January, and for the whole of January the following money was collected:

First Collection: £299.00; Second Collection: £70.00; Crib Offerings: £38.50

Christmas Offerings: £95.00 BT Sport Reimbursement & Other: £337.71

Donation in memory of Harry Heaton £300.00

Total Banked: £1148.71 Thank You



Dear Mrs Anne Kirkman,

I'd like to say a big Thank You for your support in helping us fight against poverty and injustice in the world. In coming together to buy from our World Gifts range you are helping to provide some of the world's poorest people with the tools and resources they need to change their lives for the better. From helping rural communities' access vital healthcare, to enabling families affected by disasters get back on their feet, you will be playing a vital part in transforming people's lives. On behalf of CAFOD and all the people we support worldwide, thank you once again for your generous support. With every blessing.

Michelle Oakford—Head of Supporter Relations.